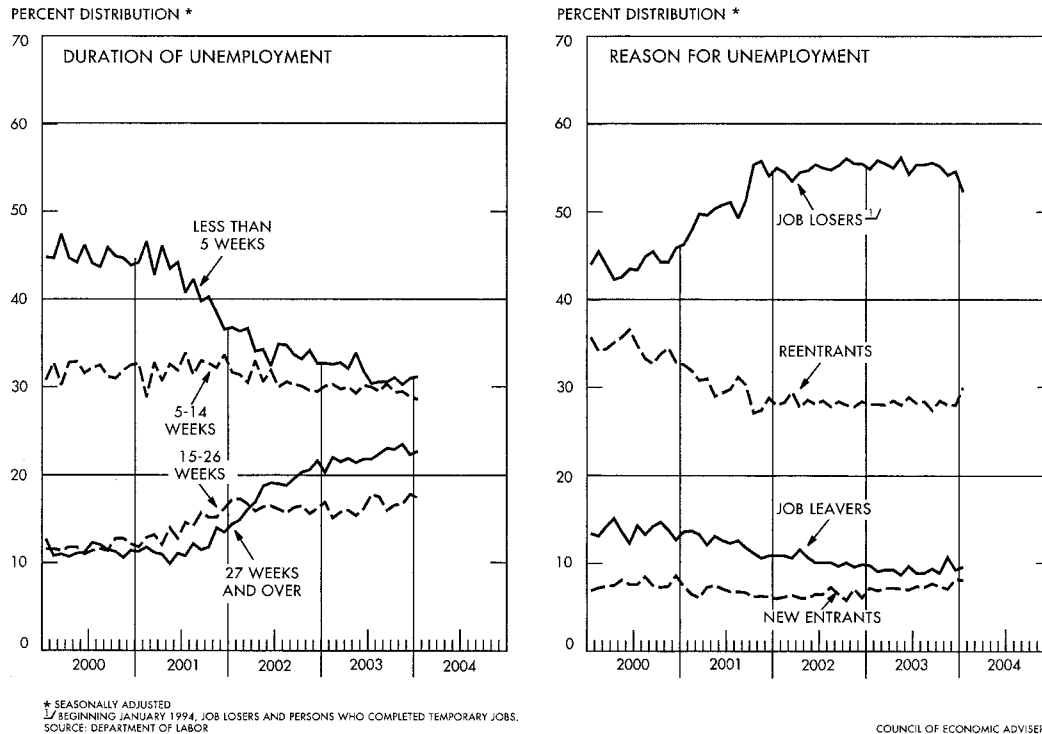


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In January, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 27 weeks and over rose; the percentages for 5-14 weeks and for 15-26 weeks fell. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 19.8 weeks and the median duration rose to 10.7 weeks. (Series reflects annual revision.)



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Period	Un-employment (thou- sands)	Duration of unemployment						Reason for unemployment: percent distribution				State programs		Insured unem- ployment, all regular programs (unadjust- ed) ²
		Percent distribution				Number of weeks		Job los- ers ¹	Job leav- ers	Reen- trants	New en- trants	Insured unem- plov- ment	Initial claims	
		Less than 5 weeks	5-14 weeks	15-26 weeks	27 weeks and over	Aver- age (mean)	Median							
1994 ³	7,996	34.1	30.1	15.5	20.3	18.8	9.2	47.7	9.9	34.8	7.6	2,670	340	2,739
1995	7,404	36.5	31.6	14.6	17.3	16.6	8.3	46.9	11.1	34.1	7.8	2,572	357	2,633
1996	7,236	36.4	31.6	14.6	17.4	16.7	8.3	46.6	10.7	34.7	8.0	2,595	356	2,650
1997	6,739	37.7	31.7	14.8	15.8	15.8	8.0	45.1	11.8	34.7	8.4	2,323	323	2,366
1998	6,210	42.2	31.4	12.3	14.1	14.5	6.7	45.5	11.8	34.3	8.4	2,222	321	2,257
1999	5,880	43.7	31.2	12.8	12.3	13.4	6.4	44.6	13.3	34.1	8.0	2,188	298	2,219
2000	5,692	44.9	31.9	11.8	11.4	12.6	5.9	44.2	13.7	34.5	7.6	2,110	301	2,141
2001	6,801	42.0	32.3	14.0	11.8	13.1	6.8	51.1	12.3	29.9	6.8	2,974	404	3,007
2002	8,378	34.5	30.8	16.3	18.3	16.6	9.1	55.0	10.3	28.3	6.4	3,585	407	3,619
2003	8,774	31.7	29.8	16.4	22.1	19.2	10.1	55.1	9.3	28.2	7.3	3,533	402	3,571
2003: Jan ^r	8,428	32.7	30.1	16.9	20.3	18.5	9.7	54.9	9.8	28.1	7.2	3,361	388	3,968
Feb ^r	8,581	32.6	30.3	15.1	22.0	18.7	9.5	55.9	9.1	28.1	6.9	3,429	409	4,172
Mar ^r	8,519	32.8	29.8	15.8	21.5	18.1	9.7	55.5	9.3	28.0	7.2	3,514	423	4,348
Apr ^r	8,799	32.1	30.0	16.0	21.9	19.4	10.1	55.0	9.3	28.5	7.2	3,622	443	3,708
May ^r	8,957	33.9	29.3	15.4	21.4	19.2	10.1	56.2	8.7	28.0	7.1	3,716	432	3,270
June ^r	9,245	31.8	30.2	16.2	21.8	19.6	11.7	54.3	9.7	28.9	7.0	3,726	427	3,674
July ^r	9,048	30.4	30.0	17.8	21.8	19.3	10.1	55.4	8.9	28.2	7.4	3,625	406	3,449
Aug ^r	8,929	30.6	29.5	17.5	22.4	19.2	10.0	55.4	8.9	28.4	7.3	3,630	402	3,379
Sept ^r	8,966	30.6	30.4	16.0	23.0	19.6	10.1	55.6	9.4	27.4	7.7	3,626	403	3,224
Oct ^r	8,797	31.1	29.4	16.6	22.9	19.4	10.3	55.2	8.9	28.5	7.4	3,515	382	2,807
Nov ^r	8,653	30.3	29.5	16.7	23.5	20.0	10.4	54.2	10.7	28.0	7.1	3,367	363	3,212
Dec	8,398	31.0	28.9	17.8	22.3	19.6	10.4	54.6	9.3	28.0	8.2	3,259	356	3,554
2004: Jan	8,297	31.2	28.6	17.5	22.7	19.8	10.7	52.3	9.6	30.0	8.1	346

¹ Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

² Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands), ex-servicemen (UCX), and Federal (UCFE). Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include Railroad (RR) program, Federal supplemental compensation or Emergency Unemployment Compensation programs.

³ See footnote 2, p. 11.

NOTE.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over (except for insured unemployment and initial claims).

Unemployment data reflect annual revisions released on January 9, 2004. See Note, p. 11.

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration).